NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to Act 1087 of 2003, the Director of the Division of Medical Services within the Department of Human Services, issues proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations for Conducting Criminal Record Checks for Employees of Long Term Care Facilities. The rule updates criminal convictions screened during a criminal background check to include convictions related to computer child exploitation and child pornography. The effective date of the proposed regulations will be May 1, 2004.

Copies of the proposed regulations may be viewed at the Office of Long Term Care, 700 South Main Street. Little Rock, Arkansas, or obtained by writing the Office of Long Term Care, Mail Slot S409, P.O. Box 8059, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-8059. All comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days following the date of this newspaper notice.

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